

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1721

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 2836

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PLO, SA  
SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATION IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 91578

1. PLO HAS BEEN REPRESENTED IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR FIVE YEARS.  
MAIN OFFICE IS IN RIYADH UNDER DIRECTION OF YASIN AL-SHARIF,  
WHO RECENTLY REPLACED ABU HISHAM AS CHEIF PLO REPRESENTATIVE  
IN KINGDOM. AL SHARIF HAD BEEN DIRECTOR OF JIDDA PLO OFFICE  
AND NO REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED FOR HIM YET.

2. OTHER PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS OR COMPONENTS OF PLO ARE  
NOT REPRESENTED IN SAUDI ARABIA. PLO IS ALSO FULL MEMBER OF  
ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (HEADQUARTERS IN JIDDA) ALTHOUGH  
IT HAS NO REPRESENTATION ON CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT LEVEL.

3. PLO AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ON SAUDI DIPLOMATIC MISSION.  
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF REPRESENTATIVES DEPEND ON KIND  
OF PASSPORT CARRIED. HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS ARE  
GRANTED FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES AND  
ENJOY EQUAL STATUS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN  
KINGDOM.

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4. EMBASSY HAS NO INFORMATION ABOUT SIZE OF STAFF AT PLO  
OFFICES. ONLY DIRECTORS OF TWO OFFICES APPEAR ON DIPLOMATIC  
LIST.  
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